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1. The following troops and vehicles were unloaded in Brandenburg on 24 March and subsequently marched to the Feldzeugmeister Kaserne:

25X1C At about 1 a.m. About 250 troops, 25 trucks 8 dis-
25X1C assembled guns of about 200-mm, 16 prime movers 25X1C 25X1C At about 9 a.m. About 250 troops, about 20 trucks 6 dis-
25X1C assembled guns of about 200-mm and 12 prime movers 25X1C 25X1C At about 1:30 p.m. About 18 trucks with troops
25X1C 5 disassembled guns of about 200-mm, and 10 prime movers.25X1X The Feldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied by about 2,800 troops on 24 March.¹

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2. Prior to 25 March, the Friedericus Kaserne in Neuruppin was occupied to capacity by about 3,500 troops. Jeeps occupied by field-grade officers wearing red-bordered golden epaulets, sidecar motorcycles, armored scout cars and armored personnel carriers, 6 to 8 trucks
25X1C , 8 to 10 signal trucks and 2 tank trucks
25X1C left the barracks installation toward Rheinsberg on 25 March. The See Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 1,300 troops on 26 March. Jeep with field-grade officers wearing tank insignia were seen in the billeting area. The Friedrich-Franz Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops on 26 March. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery, motor transport or signal insignia.²

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3. The following shipments passed through the Satzkorn railroad station:

On 21 March: A train with 19 mortars, 37 trucks, 4 rocket launchers and 2 field kitchens from the direction of Forst-Zinna toward Dallgow.

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22 March: Sixteen boxcars with troops and equipment and an undetermined number of flatcars with 2 field kitchens, 25 trucks and 10 other vehicles from the direction of Justerbog-Altes Lager toward Bernau.

22 March. Nine boxcars with troops, equipment and ammunition and an undetermined number of flatcars with 20 trucks from the direction of Justerbog toward Bernau.

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23 March: Thirteen AT artillery guns, 1 workshop truck, 2 field kitchens, 2 sedans, 1 motorcycle, and 41 trucks [redacted] from an unidentified direction toward Forst Zinna.

4. The following detrainments were observed in Brandenburg on

24 March: About 300 troops with ammunition were unloaded from 10 boxcars and 8 guns of about 200-mm, 25 trucks, 16 prime movers [redacted] from 31 flatcars. [redacted]

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About 250 troops and ammunition from 9 boxcars and 6 guns of about 200 mm, 23 trucks, 2 tank trucks, 12 prime movers [redacted] from 32 flatcars. [redacted]

About 250 troops and ammunition from 9 boxcars and 6 guns of about 200 mm, 25 trucks, 5 sedans, 2 tank trucks, and 12 prime movers [redacted] from 32 flatcars. [redacted]

About 300 troops and ammunition from 9 boxcars and 5 guns of about 200 mm, 28 trucks, 1 jeep, and 10 prime movers from 31 flatcars. [redacted]

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All trains came from Loburg. The shipments were unloaded and marched to the Feldzeugmeister Kaserne. (P-3)²

5. At about 1 a.m. on 21 March, a train with 12 prime movers towing 122-mm field guns, 2 workshop trucks and 20 trucks was unloaded in Potsdam. At about 7 a.m. on 21 March, 12 prime movers towing 152-mm gun howitzers, 2 workshop trucks and 16 trucks with about 300 soldiers were unloaded in Potsdam. The vehicles drove to the southern section of the Delius Kaserne upon unloading. On 21 March, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne by about 1,000 troops, the Hohenlohe Kaserne by about 1,200 troops, and the Ludendorff Kaserne by about 900 soldiers.⁵

6. Between 8:30 and 11 a.m. on 24 March, a troop train without locomotive was seen in Oranienburg. Two express coaches with officers, 14 boxcars with about 60 soldiers and equipment and 12 flatcars with sideracks with 6 jeeps and 12 trucks [redacted] were identified.⁶

7. On 22 March, 1 troop train carrying 14 trucks and 150 to 200 soldiers passed through the Seddin railroad station toward Forst Zinna from the direction of Fuerstenberg/Havel. [redacted]

At about 7 a.m. on 21 March, the following two shipments were assembled into 1 train at the Seddin railroad station: 1 VP shipment consisting of 7 boxcars with about 200 troops of the Volkspolizei wearing green uniforms with black epaulets and coming from the direction of Kirchmaesser and bound for Torgelow and 1 Soviet Army shipment consisting of an undetermined number of flatcars [redacted] and 2 boxcars, coming from the direction of Ziesa and bound for Koenigswusterhausen.⁷

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8. The following columns passed through Doebbelin:

4 March: 9 trucks with covered numbers and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, en route toward Letzling Heath.

16 March, about 9 a.m.: Several trucks towing guns, en route toward Letzling Heath. The column returned at about midnight and drove toward Stendal.

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At about 11 a.m. on 17 March: 14 trucks

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occupied by troops with red-bordered black epaulets, en route toward Stendal from the direction of Letzling Heath.⁸

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9. A column consisting of 30 trucks, each towing a 57-mm AT gun, 12 half-track armored personnel carriers, some of them with 57-mm AT guns, 3 ambulances, 1 truck, and 3 field kitchens moved along the road between Bentwisch and Ribnitz toward Ribnitz on 13 March. The vehicles which were occupied to capacity by EM

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10. At about 5 p.m. on 23 March, 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 21 trucks, 1 ambulance, 1 sedan, 1 field kitchen, billeting equipment, ration supplies and about 200 soldiers from the Artillerie Kaserne in Kuestrin were loaded at the Kietz railroad station for shipment toward Werbig. At about 6 p.m. on 25 March, 8 x 85-mm AA guns and about the same number of vehicles, troops and equipment as was observed on the train on 23 March were loaded at the Kietz railroad station.

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On 25 March, 8 AA guns which source believed were of 25-mm caliber and 19 trucks with covered numbers were detrained at the Kietz railroad station and driven to the artillery Kaserne in Kuestrin. During the night of 25 March, AA guns and trucks were unloaded at the same railroad station and driven to the Artillerie Kaserne in Kuestrin. On 25 March, the 6 AA guns in the western training sector were exchanged against 6 AA guns of another unit and hauled toward Kietz on 6 trucks which carried billeting equipment. On 27 March, 6 AA guns which were 25-mm guns and about 35 trucks were seen in the western training sector. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen in the quarters. The quarters were two thirds lighted at dusk.¹⁰

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11. During the night of 13 March, tanks from the direction of Dranse were unloaded in Schweinrich and subsequently driven to the training grounds.¹¹

12. On 24 March, about 250 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with topographic insignia, about 100 officers, about 25 trucks and 4 jeeps arrived in the Weisse Stadt Settlement, Oranienburg. It could not be determined where the troops had come from. Major Timofeev (fnu), supply officer, was stated by a Soviet civilian engineer to have come from Wuenendorf.⁹

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13. At about 4:15 a.m. on 21 March, 3 T-34/85 tanks Nos 122, 124, and 126, 3 JS-3 tanks Nos 220, 221, 201, 13 JSU-122 guns including Nos 116, 159, and 160, about 15 trucks and 180 to 200 troops were unloaded from 11 converted boxcars, 9 SSY-type flatcars and 5 other flatcars at the Dallgow railroad station where they had arrived from the direction of Neustrelitz. (C-3) At about noon on 21 March, 12 trucks towing 120-mm mortars

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[] were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station where they had arrived from the direction of Forst Zinna. At about 4 p.m. on 23 March, about 10 converted boxcars and about 30 flatcars at the Dallgow railroad station were loaded with about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, about 25 trucks and 12 x 76-mm field guns for shipment toward Forst Zinna. At about 8:30 a.m. on 26 March, about 8 converted boxcars and about 25 flatcars with about 180 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, about 20 trucks

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[] and towing 12 76-mm field guns were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station from the direction of Forst Zinna. At about 11:30 a.m. on 26 March, about 8 boxcars with about 180 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 40 flatcars with 33 trucks

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[] and 12 x 76-mm field guns which had come from the direction of Forst Zinna were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station.³

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14. On 21 March, 4 rocket launchers including [] 6 x 120-mm mortars trucks [] and 10 to 12 other trucks and about 250 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station. At 6:45 a.m. on 22 March, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers and about 20 trucks [] were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station. The shipment that had been dispatched on 16 March returned at 8:45 a.m. on 23 March and drove to the Adler Kaserne.³

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15. After 23 March, 37-mm AA guns and 132-mm rocket launchers would daily leave the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde. Trucks [] towing 37-mm AA guns were seen entering and leaving the barracks installation on 19 March. Six 132-mm rocket launchers and 25 trucks were in the barracks yard, while 2 x 132-mm rocket launchers were seen in the terrain. At 9:10 a.m. on 23 March, trucks [] towing 4 x 37-mm AA guns and 50 to 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained in Eberswalde. At 1:45 p.m. on 23 March, 9 x 132-mm rocket launchers [] 28 trucks [] and 150 to 160 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were loaded in Eberswalde. (C-2) At about 11:30 p.m. on 19 March, trucks [] towing 120-mm mortars and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen entering

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the Artillerie Kaserne. At about 9:30 a.m. on 20 March, about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 82-mm mortars in loads were seen east of the barracks installation.¹²

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16. At about 9 p.m. on 23 March, 1 train with 24 guns covered with tarpaulins, 40 trucks and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 10 boxcars was seen south of Gransee, en route toward Oranienburg.¹³
17. At about 5 p.m. on 13 March, a column of 10 to 12 trucks towing 7 or 8 x 120-mm mortars was seen in Templin en route toward Kanneburg.¹⁴
18. On 25 March, 20 x 37-mm AA guns, 22 trucks with bedsteads and furniture and 350 soldiers were loaded at the Cottbus railroad station for shipment toward Jueterbog.¹⁵
19. Return movements to the barracks installations in Rathenow: At about noon on 23 March, motor vehicles [redacted] were unloaded from 14 boxcars and driven to the Infanterie Kaserne. At 7 a.m. on 24 March, 11 rocket launchers and 34 trucks [redacted] were unloaded in Rathenow after they arrived from the direction of Stendal and about 1 p.m., 9 other rocket launchers, motor vehicles [redacted] and troops with artillery insignia were unloaded in Rathenow from an undetermined number of flatcars and 9 boxcars after they arrived from the direction of Stendal. The troops drove to the Kraftfahrer Kaserne. Source believed the entire unit to have returned during the night of 24 March.¹⁶

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20. At about 4:15 p.m., 7 prime movers towing 152-mm howitzers and 6 prime movers towing tank trucks, all with covered numbers except for prime mover [redacted] and occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen on Lange Brucke in Potsdam, en route toward Nedlitz. The vehicles were believed to have been unloaded at the Potsdam freight station. Between 7 and 8 a.m. on 21 March, 14 trucks including 12 loaded with ammunition boxes and 2 occupied by troops with artillery insignia were seen in Potsdam, en route toward Nedlitz. At about 8:15 a.m., 12 prime movers, each towing a 152-mm howitzer [redacted] Potsdam, en route toward Nedlitz. [redacted] the column was unloaded at the freight station in Potsdam.²

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1. [redacted] Comment. Return from Altengrabow of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US) which was repeatedly confirmed. It returned on trains with shipment-record Nos 61921.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Except for the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne, the barracks installations appeared to have still been occupied to capacity. The fact that the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne was only partially occupied is probably due to combat firing practices in Jueterbog of artillery components of the 12th Gds Tank Div, as were indicated by assemblies of railroad cars for the last 10 days in March which were reported [redacted]

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25X1A 4. Comment. Trains with units of the 1st Mecz Div and 2d Light Arty Brig (US) from and to Jueterbog and Neustrelitz. In detail, the following may be said:

21 March: Return from Jueterbog by train with the shipment-record No 61169 of artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div. Return from Neustrelitz of tank units of the 1st Mecz Div.

22 March: Return from Jueterbog by train with shipment-record No 61168 of units of the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt of the division.

25X1 23 March: Units of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) went to Justefbog by train [redacted] Return from Neustrelitz of a tank unit of the 1st Mecz Div.

25X1 26 March: Return from Justerbog of units of the 2d Light Arty Brig
by train

25X1A 5. [] Comment. Return from Jueterbog on 20 and 21 March of units of
the 24th Arty Div (US). [] The trains
mentioned in paragraph 5 are believed to have had shipment-record
No 61943 through 61949. The report indicates that the units of the
division were back at the post after 21 March.

25X1A 6. [] Comment. The information of paragraphs 6 and 12 is confirmed by [] []. The topographic-service insignia is similar to that of the chemical-warfare troops. 25X1A The appearance of a supply officer from Wiesbaden tends to indicate that the unit concerned is a special unit which arrived for the GOFG from the U.S.S.R.

25X1A 7. Comment. The first train probably contained units of the
artillery regiment of the KVPD Prenzlau which moved from their winter
25X1C quarters in Kirchmoeser to Torgelow. The second train [redacted]
[redacted] carried units of the Third Shock Army. The
two trains probably proceeded jointly until Koenigsusterhausen.

25X1C 8. Comment. Continuation of the intensive traffic of units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, probably to combat firing practice in the northern section of Letzling Heath, which had been reported until late February 1953.

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25X1A of the Third Gds AT Arty Brig from Rostock, which probably moved to
combat firing practice to the Rostocker Heide.

25X1A 10. [redacted] the shipments unloaded came from Jueterbog. It is believed that the units concerned are those elements of the 32d AAA Div (US) which were loaded for Jueterbog about late February. It appears that other units of the division moved to Jueterbog on 23 and 25 March. These detrainments and entrainments were probably connected with the exchange of guns in the training area.

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25X1A 11. [] Comment. Presumably, detachment of a tank firing detail of the 18th Mecz Div.

25X1A 12. [] Comment. The loadings were made by units of the 63d AAA Div (US) and the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. Railroad records indicated that the shipments went to Jueterbog.

25X1 [] The motor vehicles as well as columns seen in traffic to the barracks installations confirm the picture on the units carried in the Schuetzen Kaserne and Artillerie Kaserne.

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13. [] Comment. Presumably, a shipment of artillery units of the 9th Gds Tank Div to Jueterbog.

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14. [] Comment. Possibly, a unit of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

15. [] Comment. Presumably, a unit of the 9th Mecz Div en route to Jueterbog for several weeks of AA firing practice. On 24 March AAA troops were also loaded in September. []

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16. [] Comment. Return from Altengrabow of units of the 65th Mort Brig (US) and 25th RL Brig which, having moved to Altengrabow on 19 and 20 March, returned by trains []

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